

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 22, 2007. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 17 and 18 remain pending. Claims 4, 15 and 16 have been cancelled, and Claims 1-3, 8, 10-14, 17 and 18 have been amended to more clearly define Applicant's invention. Support for the claim changes can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore, no new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 10-18 are in independent form.

Applicants note, with appreciation, the Examiner's Suggestion regarding the use of "capable of." In response, Applicants have amended Claims 10 and 13 to remove the recitation of "capable of."

Claim 4 was objected to for reciting "said timing means," without providing proper antecedent basis. By this amendment, Claim 4 has been cancelled, rendering this objection moot.

Claims 15 and 16 were rejected as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. By this amendment, Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of *Kuribayashi et al.* (JP 09-186802 A) and *Mashiba* (US 5,724,630). Claims 3 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Kuribayashi et al.*, *Mashiba*, and *Ito* (JP 11-024517 A). Claims 4,

15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kuribayashi et al.*, *Mashiba*, and *Nakamura* (JP 08-130595 A). Claims 5, 9-10 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kuribayashi et al.*, *Mashiba* and *Alsop* (US 6,795,829). Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kuribayashi et al.*, *Mashiba*, *Alsop* and *Nakamura*. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the propriety of these rejections and solely to further clarify certain features of the present invention, independent Claims 1, 10-14, 17 and 18 have been amended herein. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the memory means stores a power consumption amount per unit time for each operation mode and operation time data for each operation mode, and that the preparation means prepares statistic information concerning a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus based on the power consumption amount per unit time and the operation time date for each operation mode. Claim 10 has been amended to recite that the calculation means calculates a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for each operation mode based on power consumption amount per unit time for each operation mode and operation time data for each operation mode. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the preparation means prepares information concerning a power consumption amount of the predetermined operation mode based on the operation time data timed by the timing means and a power consumption amount per unit time for the predetermined operation mode. Claims 12-14, drawn to methods, and Claims 17 and 18, drawn to computer readable storage mediums, have been similarly amended.

Kuribayashi is understood to teach predicting remaining battery power according to an operation time for each mode, and displaying the predicted data. *Kuribayashi* merely predicts remaining battery power, and does not teach preparing information or calculating a power consumption amount of the apparatus based on the power consumption amount per unit time and operation time data for an operation mode as recited in each of the independent claims.

Mashiba is merely understood to teach storing operation modes and operation times in correspondence with each other, and is not understood to remedy the noted deficiencies of *Kuribayashi*.

Accordingly, these patents, either taken individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest features defined in each of the independent claims. The other cited references, namely *Ito*, *Alsop* and *Nakamura*, have been reviewed, and are not understood to remedy the above-noted deficiencies with respect to *Kuribayashi* or *Mashiba*.

Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action. Prompt passage to issue is also respectfully solicited.

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